

**Double Patenting Rejection**

The examiner rejects claims 1-42, 44 and 46-52 as being unpatentable over claims 1-37 of U.S. Patent No. 6,077,499 ('499). The terminal disclaimer appended hereto is believed to satisfy the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.321 (b) and (c) and is deemed to overcome all of the rejections.

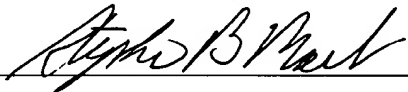
**CONCLUSION**

It is respectfully urged that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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